



National Fire Plan

Fire Preparedness and Facilities

Preparedness Resources

Fire preparedness, a key element of the National Fire Plan, incorporates all components necessary to prepare for and fight wildland fires; including workforce development, training, equipment availability, and facilities maintenance. All of this enables Federal wildland fire management agencies to strengthen and enhance initial attack and fire suppression efforts.

Initial attack activities were highly successful in FY 2005, with over 98% of all unwanted fires contained to less than 300 acres. NFP funding contributed to these successes by funding a highly trained, responsive firefighting workforce. The workforce and equipment on hand to achieve this objective are displayed in the table below.

2005 Firefighting Resources

Resources	DOI Total	FS Total	Combined Total
Firefighters, Fire Management, and Support Resources*	5,752	9,385	14,798
Helicopters	53	83	136
Engines and Heavy Equipment	781	899	1,680
Water Tenders	94	38	132
Dozers / plows	108	143	251
Boats	7	10	17
Type 1 or Hotshot Crews	25	66	91
Smokeyjumpers	153	277	430
Airtankers	29	16	45
Other Aircraft**	29	47	76

*Includes Interagency Hotshot Crews and Smokeyjumpers.

**Other aircraft include helitankers, leadplanes, etc.

Workforce Development and Training

In addition to recruiting and retaining a highly qualified firefighting workforce, the agencies are pursuing an aggressive program of firefighter training and development. In FY 2005, with support from NFP funding, the agencies accomplished the following:

- Achieved a 98% success rate at containing fires before they could become large and costly to suppress.
- Trained a qualified workforce in safe and effective hazardous fuels reduction techniques. Continued a multi-year program to improve the infrastructure and curricula of the Prescribed Fire Training Center and Fire Use Training Academy.

- Fourteen agencies supported the *National Interagency Prescribed Fire Training Center*, where 93 participants completed training; 65 of which were Forest Service employees. An additional 20 participants attended workshops.
- The *Fire Use Training Academy*, with funding and support from the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior, saw 298 employees of federal and state agencies complete core course(s), for a total of 10,654 trainee hours. 54 students graduated from the Fire Use Training Academy in CY 2005.
- Five agencies, with support from the U.S. Department of Labor, continued to operate the *Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program* in California. In FY 2005, 650 Forest Service apprentice firefighters were enrolled in the academy.
- The Wildland Fire Lessons-Learned Center continues to provide an on-line navigable library of information directed at safety, training, and workforce development from after-action reviews and studies. This Web site provides real-time information and answers to questions on issues facing fire managers and firefighters.

Facilities, Construction, and Maintenance

- In FY 2005, the agencies accomplished work on 69 projects totaling \$19,685.75 in expenditures. Projects included crew quarters, offices, guard stations, equipment facilities, fire stations, helibases, and lookouts, among others.